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letter dated 10 September 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a copy of the agreement on settlement of disputes and normalization of relations between the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of the Sudan reached and signed at Khartoum on 9 September 1996 (see annex). You are kindly requested to circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under item 73 (e) of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hamid ELTINAY
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex

[Original: Arabic and English]

Agreement on the settlement of disputes and the normalization of relations between Uganda and the Sudan, signed at Khartoum on 9 September 1996

The Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of Uganda, considering the long-standing relations and strong bonds of affinity between the two peoples of Uganda and the Sudan,

Bearing in mind the principle of good neighbourly relations and non-interference in the internal affairs of each other,

Reaffirming their firm determination for the settlement of all outstanding disputes that will result in the well-being, peace and security of their peoples,

Expressing their determination and good intentions to open a new chapter of brotherly relations in their relationships,

With re-realization of peace, stability and fraternity, the two countries will witness greater prosperity, attainment of developmental goals in the region, unity and well-being of their peoples,

All three Ministers consider the Khartoum meeting to be a continuation of previous meetings and agreements reached between the Governments of the two countries as mediated by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Republic of Malawi, and underlining the validity of the decisions of those meetings,

To achieve these noble, sacred goals, the two sides agreed on the following:

1. Cease immediately all campaigns of official negative propaganda against each other, bilaterally or at any other forum,

2. Cease to provide territory to be used by belligerent forces against each other's country,

3. Refrain from providing support directly or indirectly to belligerent forces opposed to each other's Government,

4. Disarm and dismantle bases and logistics centres of belligerent groups of either of the two countries in the territory of the other,

5. Remove all belligerent groups and all refugees away from common borders to a distance not less than one hundred kilometres from the common borders,

6. Each country should enhance and facilitate the voluntary repatriation of refugees,

7. To ensure supervision over the implementation of this agreement, a verification team comprising representatives of the two sides, the Islamic Republic of Iran and, if they accept, the Republic of Malawi and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, shall be established in the capitals of the two countries. The team shall present all its reports on different areas to the Ministerial Committee,

8. The verification team shall determine its mode of operation to ensure rapid action. The necessary facilities, such as helicopters for the speedy dispatch of the verification team to areas where military movements are reported, shall be provided by the Government of the host country,

9. Each of the two countries shall make available areas of their territory for the stationing of the verification team,

10. In case of receipt of reports on violation of understanding in the present agreement by either side, the verification team, in the presence of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Malawi and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, shall investigate and visit the reported location and present its report to the Ministerial Committee for necessary action and decision. On their part, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Malawi and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya shall assign two military delegations to the capitals of the two countries for the purpose of carrying out this function,

11. The Foreign Ministers of the three countries agreed to meet during the course of the fifty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York to review the latest situation and the progress of the implementation of this agreement. They further agreed to meet once every six months on a rotational basis in the capitals of the three countries to review the progress of the implementation of the present agreement and to help expedite the process of normalization and cooperative relationship. The meeting after New York shall be held in December 1996 in Uganda.

12. A three-member delegation from each of the three countries shall meet in the Islamic Republic of Iran on 30 September 1996 to determine the mission status of the verification team.

The Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of Uganda reiterate their resolve for the implementation of the provisions of the present agreement and express their deep appreciation for the relentless and honest efforts of H.E. Hashemi Rafsanjani, the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in his tour of African nations in September 1996, in mediating between the two. They also express the hope that with the continued cooperation of the Islamic Republic of Iran in all phases of implementation of the present agreement, they will witness lasting peace, stability and security in the region.

This agreement shall come into force upon signature by the three parties.

Done in three languages English, Arabic and Persian, all three being equally authentic, at Khartoum this 9th day of September 1996.

(Signed) H.E. Ali Othman Mohammed TAHA
Minister of External Relations of
the Republic of the Sudan

(Signed) Hon. Eriya Kategaya
First Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Uganda

(Signed) H.E. Dr. Ali Akbar Velaiti
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the
Islamic Republic of Iran